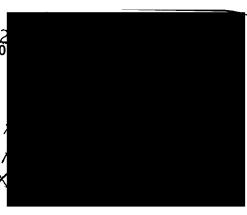
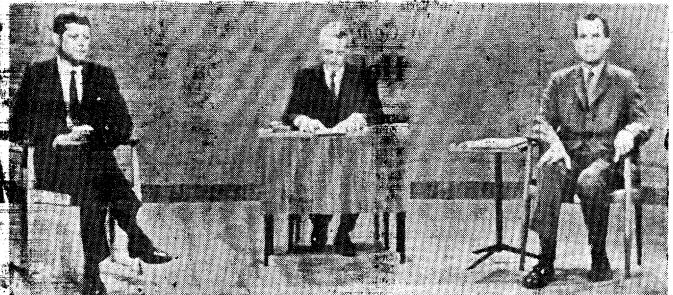
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DEBATE AND DECISION—A Kennedy-Nixon TV meeting before the 1960 election. Center is Howard K. Smith, moderator of the historic debates between the Presidential candidates, at which the Cuba question arose.

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The 1900 Presidential campaign exploded all over again in Washington yesterday with a dramatic political clash between President Kennedy and former Vice-President Nixon.

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President Kennedy, through his press secretary, denied Mr. Nixon's charge that Mr. Kennedy's campaign statements had been "endangering the security" of the thenplanned invasion of Cuba.

In his new book, Mr. Nixon charged that then Central Intelligence Agency director, Allen W. Dulles, had briefed

Mr. Kennedy during the campaign on plans for a CIA-supported Cuban invasion.

The President, in a statement issued by Pierre Salinger, his press secretary, denied this. His stand was backed up by Mr. Dulles in a statement issued two hours later.

CIA-backed Cuban exiles did invade their homeland on April 17, 1961, but the invasion failed. It was the biggest setback of Mr. Kennedy's administration.

Mr. Nixon, in his book "Six Crises," to be published by Doubleday & Co. March 29, charges that Mr. Kennedy had been told about the planned invasion by Mr. Dulles, but More on DEBATE-P 10

went attent anyway and Nates a statement on Ovt. 20 mging that the U.S. air Cuban exites.

The former Vice-President, who lost the election to Mr.
Rennedy, charged that "Rennedy was endangering the
security of the whole operation by his public statement."

There was only one thing I could do." Mr. Nixon
prote, "The covert operation had be protected at all costs."
As a result he wrote, he swung around "to the other extreme" and attacked Mr. Kennedy's proposal as "irretrong ble." Mr. Nixon says in his book that he was in a "rage" at ir. Remedy for boxing him in in this manner.

Mr. Salinger issued this statement:

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Mr **19**, 1960. The two briefings covered an over-all review of the The two briefings covered an over-an review of the situation during which Cuba was mentioned. But beinedy was first informed of the operation to which Mr. Nicon refers in a briefing by Allen Dulles and Richard Histel of the CIA given in Palm Beach on Nov. 18, 1960.

Mr. Dulles retired as CIA director Nov. 29, 1961.

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Also Briefed by Generel

Mr. Kennedy was also briefed on Nov. 2, 1960, by Gen. Charles P. Cabell, then deputy director of CIA. Gen. Gabell also retired recently.

Gen. Cabell's briefing, unlike Mr. Dulles' briefings took place after Mr. Kennedy's Oct. 20 statement urging aid to Cuban exlies. Gen. Cabell priefed the Democratic Presidential candidate in an airplane en route to Los Angeles.

However, officials said yesterday that Gen. Cabell had abt discussed Ouba with Mr. Rennedy and that the briefing concerned another subject.

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The relation of the board of inquiry last month into the research of the board of inquiry last month into the concerned and the concerned diagrams for course, dealt with in the brief-lines is gave to Sen. Kennedy. The last briefing I gave him was over a month before the debate in which the issue arose. My briefings were intelligence briefings on the world situation. They did not cover our own governments has of programs for action, overt or overt."

Although Mr. Dulles did not elaborate on his statement, it is known that his position is that he briefed Mr. Rennedy on what the situation was in each country discussed including Cuba, but did not tell him about United active briefes and plans for dealing with those situations and find out whether or not Dulles had briefed Kennedy on the fact that for months the CIA had not only been subporting and assisting, but actually training, Cuban exiles for the eventu last month. ttself.

"Seaton reported back to me in half an hour. His answer: Rennedy had been briefed on this operation."

Mr. Nixon does not say in his book whether he asked Mr. Seaton whom he talked to at the White House, or whether Mr. Dulles was ever contacted at that time.

Mr. Seaton could not be reached for comment. Mr. Nixon, in Whitter. Calif., said he would not comment with I have a chause to read the statement." "antil I have a chance to read the statement."